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Re:

HYGIENE-TECHNIK INC.

U.S. Patent Application

Serial No. Patent No.

: 10/629767 : 6766924

Filing Date: July 30, 2003 Issue Date: July 27, 2004

Our Case

: P41803

Title

: Metering Ball-Valve With Biased Housing

Request for Certificate of Correction Under 35 USC 254 and 35 USC 255

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, please find form PTO/SB/44 setting out five errors for which a Certificate of Correction is requested.

The first error at column 5, line 36, is a mistake in the patent that was incurred though the fault of the Patent and Trademarks Office as is clearly disclosed by the records in that claims submitted by the applicant showed the word "first" rather than the word "fire".

The last four corrections requested to replace the word "communications" by the word --communicates-- is a minor error which was not the fault of the Patent Office and which mistake has been in good faith and does not constitute new matter since the word "communications" will imperfectly be understood to mean communicate to a person skilled in the art as the word "communicate" was used earlier in the claims as, for example, in claim 1, lines 13 and 15.

The government fee of US \$100.00 for a Certificate of Correction of Applicant's Mistake under 35 USC 255 is submitted.

Favourable consideration is respectfully requested.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:
Column 5, line 36, "fire" should be changed tofirst; Column 6, line 45, "communications" should be changed tocommunicates; Column 6, line 46, "communications" should be changed tocommunicates; Column 6, line 52, "communications" should be changed tocommunicates; Column 6, line 53, "communications" should be changed tocommunicates

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